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MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ]

SUBJECT: Paul V. Boudreau

1. On Monday afternoon, 15 January, I saw Mr. Richard Sterling who asked how I would like to help remove Subject from the leadership of DTLINEN. I asked Sterling what his reasons were for wanting to do this. Sterling replied that Boudreau is a poor manager who is primarily interested in promoting himself; leadership, he continued, should be in the hands of Charles A. Newham. Sterling further opined that Boudreau will be impossible after returning from HFCURIO where, by very friendly QKCIGAR treatment, he has probably come to an even more inflated sense of his own value and importance. As evidence of Boudreau's incompetence, Sterling pointed out that numbers of inexperienced persons were being sent on cover jobs by DTLINEN into HEREBEL where they were being arrested.

2. I replied (a) that I was certainly not interested in Sterling's project and (b) that I strongly recommended that he discuss it with his own superiors before actually doing anything. Apart from commenting that I understood Boudreau exercised no real administrative control over DTLINEN, I refused to discuss Boudreau and his position with DTLINEN and obviously irritated Sterling considerably by my refusal.

3. It is difficult to know what prompted Sterling to adopt this attitude. I could probably find out by talking it over with him. It is conceivable that Newham planted the idea directly in talks with Sterling or Sterling's ZRCROWN counterparts might have sold him on the plan for advantages they seek.

4. In any event it would seem reasonable to make known our position concerning Boudreau's relationship with DTLINEN to Sterling's boss so that he can reply to Sterling when the occasion arises.

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